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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: I. Sherali  
FÉLIX HENRY )  
: Art Unit: 2621  
Appln. No.: 09/734,920 )  
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Filed: December 13, 2000 )  
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For: DIGITAL SIGNAL CODING )  
WITH DIVISION INTO TILES : February 23, 2006

The Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, imposing an election-of-species requirement in the above-identified case.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. Specifically, the Examiner alleged the existence of claims directed to the following two species of the claimed invention:

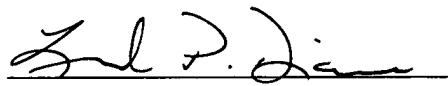
1. Species I, shown by Fig. 3, in which at least one partition modification parameter is acquired through intervention by a user;  
and
2. Species II, shown by Fig. 11, in which a partition of the signal is modified according to the at least one area of interest.

Applicant hereby elects Species I (Fig. 3), on which Claims 1-6, 13/1, 13/2, 14-20, 28/14, 28/15, 29/1, 29/2, 30/14, 30/15, 31/1, 31/2, 32/14, 32/15, 33/32/14, and 33/32/15 are readable, for prosecution on the merits.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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